

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Slaughter, et al.

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For: OVERLAY NETWORK WITH
EFFICIENT ROUTING AND
RECOVERY

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Examiner: Anthony M. Sol

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 21, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2008, which has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 21, 2008, the Applicants request the Office enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.